

SENATOR VENDITTE: Point of order. Mr. President, I understood this morning we would be on Select File for only one hour.

SENATOR SAVAGE: But the Clerk has continued that for the rest of the morning, Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: I apologize.

SENATOR SAVAGE: If you would have been in the room you would have known that.

CLERK: The Speaker.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Sorry about that. We will now take up LB 534. Clerk will read.

CLERK: Mr. President, the E & R amendments were adopted by the body on February 2, 1978. I now have an amendment offered by Senator Murphy. The amendment as follows: read amendment found on page 546 of the Journal.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Murphy. Senator DeCamp I guess is Chairman of the Banking Committee.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, this is a wonderful bill. I've got an amendment there. I passed out, this morning, some information to you that you can look at and read....

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator DeCamp, Senator Murphy has an amendment which precedes your talking on the bill. Senator Murphy. Chair recognizes Senator Murphy for an amendment.

SENATOR MURPHY: If I may, Mr. Chairman. Just one moment. My amendment, to this highway sign bill, simply provides that instead of saying if we enact this into law that the Highway Department, the agency then may or may not, at their discretion, and I'll give you odds on how that comes out, but the bill presently says they may develop these proposals. I'm saying even if you tell them they shall you'll stand around waiting for awhile. I say let's be specific. If the Highway Department is to develop these programs under which they are to proceed, I don't think we should give them the latitude to say they may. I think we should say you shall. This would conform with Senator DeCamp's intent that there are specific areas that are of prime consideration. I'm simply saying... being a little more explicit and saying the Highway Department shall develop this program so that those who are interested will know what, in truth, is going to happen in the next year or two under this bill. I would move for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis on the Murphy amendment.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, colleagues, this scares me a little bit, but I rise to support Senator Murphy in his amendment. I think Senator Murphy has had the same kind of experience that a number of people have in terms of the Legislature making a policy decision and those agencies not following that policy decision. I think if this body determines that the posture we're going to take in regard to this issue is that they are going to set it out in this fashion, then they will set it out in this fashion. I want to hurry up my remarks because I'm afraid Senator Newell will come in and want to substitute the word "should". I certainly don't want